

'Twas pleasant on the winter nights
To see beneath the shaded lights
Her classic head bent low;
To watch her snowy fingers make
A tiny "bridge," and count each "break'
Of this heart-breaking foe.

And though she said it was a sin To beat her, I could always win To bear such pretty blame; While 'mid the winning stroke I made, It seemed to me as if I play'd— A very losing game.

There's kudos in the rattling strokes You make and a fire of jokes
From chaffing fellow-men;
But should a beauty turn away
And pout at your superior play
You've other feelings then.

No "hazard" that my cunning cue, With all my greatest care, could do, Or lucky "fluke" might get, Could ever equal that I ran In playing—miserable man!— With such a flirting pet.

And though I lost such heaps of gloves And though I lost such means of gloves
In betting with her, when one loves
Such losing bets are blest;
And since she teased me night and day,
I only had at billiard play The chances of a "rest."

The "cannon" on the table green Will to a Caron come I ween, Who'll tie me to a wffe; And she, with backers not a few, Will quietly put on the "screw," And "pocket" me for life.

Ladies who Play Billiards.

Mrs. Potter Palmer designed a billiard table for her own use that cost over \$1,000 to manufacture. When not in use it has the appearance of a dining table, and is then covered with a beautiful table spread. The one rack is hidden from view by a curtain of gold-woven tapestry. It is the first piece of furniture that strikes the eye on entering the main hall of the palace on the Sheridan road. It would not be recognized as a billiard table until it is prepared for use. Mr. Palmer told Mr. Bensinger, of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., that he thought he would be criticised for allowing the table in his house, but has since discovered that his wife's idea was correct. Mrs. Palmer plays billards very nicely. Mrs. Wirt Dexter has also had a table made after her own idea. She lives next to Mrs. Pullman on Prairie avenue. Through Mrs. Pullman's kind offices, Mrs. Dexter has become very entertaining with the cue. Nine-tenths entertaining with the cue. Nine-tenths of the tables that are sold nowadays for private use are for the accomodation of young ladies. Hugo Goodman, of 3333 Wabash avenue, has two daughters Minnie and Fannie, the latter the wife of Jacob Newman, the attorney. They are both splended players. Mr. Goodman has had a room in his spacious house fitted up with pool and billiard tables for the benefit of his daughters and their lady friends. General Strong paid \$5,000 to fit up a billiard hall in his home to his liking. The general is a great society man. At the numerous parties given at his home billiards is the chief diversion. Mrs. Sutter has recently purchased a table for her home. She is also a devotee of the game and executes with rare skill. Mrs. Sutter has several brothers whose recently purchased a devotee of the game home. She is also a devotee of the game and executes with rare skill. Mrs. Sutter has several brothers whose wives also like to play billiards. Miss Wendell, the elocutionist, is one of the best lady experts in Chicago. She plays at the Thursday evening sociables at the Standard Club. Hiram Cool's sister plays fifty or no count. She can discount most of the gentlemen amateures in the city, while Miss Ida ateures in the city, while Miss Ida ateures in the city, while Miss Ida count it over for their own comfort. I know one bank president's wife in this city who has ber own money which her sister plays fifty or no count. She can discount most of the gentlemen amateures in the city, while Miss Ida Downs, of Richland, has frequently made runs of over 100, and is a very strong cushion carrom player. Frank Ives courteously allowed her to take

Women in Massachusetts.

the opening stroke in a fifty-point game and did not get a shot. His companions have chaffed him about his defeat ever

since,-Chicago Herald.

Said a well-known man about town to a Boston Herald writer: "There seems to be a common idea among people that a greater number of female children are porn in Massachusetts than males, and there seems to be some reason for such belief: According to the last census and there is no other standard—that there were in this state 1,943,141 peo-ple. The females numbered 1,009,257 and the males 932,884, leaving a beautiful female surplus of 66,373. The sage political economist, without meaning any unkindness to his sisters, says that the surplus must be treated by the very simple rules of supply and demand, and considered merely as a commodity for barter; but let no one conclude that the barter; but let no one conclude that the political economist in our day and country try to fix a value on women. Oh, no; they merely speak of women as representing so much labor, and therefore meeting a demand in the labor market which women can supply. This can be readily understood and explained in a manufacturing community like ours, where in almost every industry there is some demand for the labor of

"In Boston, with its large stores em-ploying hundreds of women and its thousands of trades, some of which are dependent alone entirely on woman's labor, it is but reasonable to find a surplus, but it is a big surplus of 18,039 in a population of 390,395, there being 394,211 females to 186,181 males; but there is no immediate danger to the so-cial or political interests of men because they are outnumbered by women, nor is the services of Corporal Tanner likely to be required to tell the people of Bos-ton what to do with the female surplus.

"As there are doctors of medicine, doctors of divinity, and doctors of aldoctors of divinity, and doctors of almost everything, so when this great
country of ours is blessed with a
national university let us hope that
there will be doctors of politics; then
the people may look with confidence
to a scientific solution of the problem
of sex distribution, especially if women
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woman who enters this State her weight in gold, then there will be fewer women than men and the women will be more at home men can have the places now occupied by them in the trades and fix the rate of wages, so that it is for the interest of all to protect our native women and thereby solve many knotty social and political problems. By all means protect our women."

In Fashion's Glass. Among the new colors are pale duck's-foot, blue de Rhone, and amar

The young German Empress rides horseback in a tight-fitting white riding-habit trimmed with scarlet, and wears a large Rembrandt hat adorned with long white ostrich feathers.

Leather trimmings will be considerably worn during the coming season, in skirt bands, waistcoats, and collars and cuffs, the latter being already on sale in the London shops in varying shades of gray, brown, green, red, and black, with ornamental stitching. Ribbons have undergone a complete

change. Picot edges are no longer pop-ular, while varied or self-colored flow-ers and groupings of leaves are inter-woven. The Rococo ribbons have satin edges and manifold flowers, sprays, and buds displayed in the weaving-

Garnet ornaments are coming into favoragain. Bracelets, brooches, stick-pins, combs, and the new Creole ear-rings all display finely-cut garnets set in rold. The traveling-dress of homespun worn by the Princess Louise will undoubtedly set the fashion for brides' going-away costumes this fall and winter.

Plain, tight-fitting sleeves, trimme only at the wrists, are rarely seen now except on very stout ladies. Sieeves in general are very dressy, but the novelty in this respect may be said to consist

more in arrangement than in form. Skirts this fall will be more elaborately trimmed around the foot than formerly, which will of course increase the demand for expensive shoes and

fanciful hosiery. Birds in every conceivable mode of ar-Birds in every conceivable mode of arrangement will trim the new fall hats. In clusters, in flocks as though flying, and even nestling, and in all shades from the palest canary to black, will be the fancy, until the humane society will wring its hands in despair. Besides birds, wings, quills, cockades, nodding tips, and even long, waving plumes, promise to be posular.

promise to be popular. The Kokochnik, or Russian opera-hood, The Kokochmik, or Russian opera-nood, has increased in proportions since its first advent among us, and is now arranged to envelop the shoulders like a wrap. The crown band is generally of velvet, embroidered more or less elaborately with gold and pearls, while the drapery is of line chuddah or cashmere.

Young ladies at the various summer resorts accompany their evening toil-ettes with wreaths of fine smilax encircling their brows, which are both dainty and becoming.

Umbrella-handles have become so chaberate, and display such fine work-manship, that they have taken a prom-inent place in the stock of every first-class jeweler. Many of the handles have costly gems embedded in the metal—generally silver—which com-

Rich Men's Wives at the Bank. Confession of a Dearborn street bank

cashier: "A man in a bank is not allowed to talk about its business, and I eckon that's right. But what you recton that's right. But what you have just been saying prompts me to tell you something under cover. There isn't one depositor in 200 who will allow his wife to check against his money. Occasionally a man leaving town will come in and ask us to honor his wife's checks to a certain amount. A woman doesn't seem to have any sense about money in bank, unless site is her own depositor, and then she is apt to be a good deal of a nuisance. She will come down shopping, for instance. She buys a bill at one house for \$13.89 and she city who has her own money which her husband allows her. She won't deposit it in his bank, and he told me one day he was glad of it. She has her own tir box in a safety deposit vault.

Smoke Pictures.

This interesting fancy in art was conceived by a German artist of celebrity, who heard of a widow and children sally in need. He repaired to the cafe where he knew he would meet some friends, laid the sad tale before them and exhorted them to contribute to her need. They were not in the mood and refused to give even the smallest coin. At this the artist withdrew to the other corner of the room, seated himself in a chair and was soon forgotten. Pres-



ently he returned, holding up a plate with a picture on it. His friends immediately flocked around him to admire this work. After listening to their praises, he offered it for sale to the highest bidder. The bidding was spirited, and the plate was finally sold for a

large sum.
"Now," said he,"this money is for the widow to whom you would give nothing to save her from starvation, but you would give this sum of money for a plate with smoke upon it!"

The plate is held over a lighted wax

The plate is held over a lighted wax candle or taper, just far enough away to be sure that the wick does not touch; if it did this, it would become greasy. Wave it steadily to and fro so as to scatter the flame evenly; otherwise it blackens in spots. When the plate has a smooth tone over it, a soft camel's-hair brush is used in working. First, make your rough sketch; then point

to a scientific solution of the problem of sex distribution, especially if women are all given the right to vote and dole out the pleasures and profits to political parties.

"Now it is plain that the excess of females in this state is due to the importation of foreigners and as all things are now being protected by our maternal government would it not be well to protect our native women as well as our sheep and besis? Charge each foreign

Driving and Killing at the Pribylov Islands.

> seive Insight to the Behri loo-A Triangular Affair.



BULL AND HALLUSCHICKIES.

There has been a great deal of unnecessary talk about a possible war between the United States and Great Britain over the right to kill seals in Behring Sea and the seizure of a British vessel for poaching there. A glance at the merits of the question, says a corpespondent writing from Port Townsend, W. T., is enough to satisfy any reasonable person that such a war is not only improbable, but absurdly so. Great Britain is quite as much interested in the preservation of the seal fisheries of Alaska as is the United States. Russia's interest is equal to that of either of the seal, that of the United States and Russia lying in a tax on the catch of the seal, that of the United States and Russia lying in a tax on the catch itself, while England gets her's through the preparation of the skins for market.

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sion and worked regardless of the future.

Whether those persecuted, helpless creatures were all killed off, or whether

they took refuge in Behring Sea is not known. Certain it is, however, that Vitus Behring and his venturesome

there ready for work.

From that time on for nearly a century the slaughter went on until 1868 the Pribylov Islands became part of the United States by virtue of the purchase

of Alaska from Russia. It was not un-

til the Alaska Commercial Company was formed in 1870 that a system was

adopted, which seems to have proved successful, for the protection of the seal

during breeding time. No fault has been found with this system save by a few disgruntled poachers, who cry "monopoly" because the Alaska Company has the sole right to kill seals

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The killing begins on June 1., or within a few days thereafter, according to the numbers of "bachelors" on the grounds. When a sufficient number have arrived and halled themselves upon the sloping beach, a dozen or more natives approach them slyly and run quickly between the sleeping seals and the sea, turning back from the beach hundreds of seals just as the mold board of a plow turns over and back a furrow of earth. When the animals are startled they arise, and, seeing a man between them and the sea, immediately begin a scrambling lope least from the natives them. immediately begin a scrambling lope back from the shore. The natives then walk leisurely in the rear of the drove thus secured, driving it over to the kilthus secured, driving it over to the killing grounds close by the village. They
are driven with as much ease as a flock
of sheep. The fur of the seal is thickest
and best during the third and fourth
year of his life; hence the natives select
as nearly as possible only males of that
age. The drive usually begins at daybreak. By six or seven o'clock the herd
has reached the shaughtering ground,
when all the able-bodied men in the vile
lage go down to engage in the killing.

into the heart of a prostrate seal. This causes the flow of blood necessary to preserve the skin, which would soon spoil without it.

The killing completed, the task of skinning begins. The labor here involved is very savere, demanding long practice before the muscles of the back and thigh are so developed as to permit a man to bend down to and finish well a fair day's work. The body of the sea fair day's work. The body of the sear preparatory to skinning is rolled over and balanced squarely on its back. The native then makes a single swift cut along the belly from the lower jaw to the root of the tail. A circular incision is then made around the flippers. Seiztects England's industries. She realizes only too clearly that seal poaching can never become a source of prolit to more than a handful of her citizens and will therefore interpose no objections to its suppression.

When first discovered these animals abounded in almost countless numbers in the seas where they should and would abound to-day but for the indiscrimitate and senseless slaughter carried on among them for nearly a century by unscruppilous but energetic men, who cared only for their immediate posses-

FOR SCIENCE'S SAKE. How a Young Lady Submitted Herself

Long had they sat in the gloaming, listening to the soft music of the cooling breeze that stirred the leaves of the

noble eim whose shapely stretched above there. "Laura," said the young man, as he crushed the young life out of a winged insect whose attentions had bored him considerably, "I saw a statement in the paper to-day that if you hold you treath when a mosquito is biting you it can't draw its bill out, and you can kill it in the act."

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"Horrors!" exclaimed the gentle girl, as she shuddered and drew her fleecy wrap closer about her lovely form.
"The idea, George, of letting a mosquito sting you long enough to find out such a thing! I could never endure it."

"And that reminds me," continued George, as he made a wild jab at the back of his neck, and closed the earthly carreer of one more confiding insect, "of another statement I saw in the same paper—that people always hold their paper—that people always hold their breath when they er—when they kiss." A silence followed more eloquent than the softly spoken words of the young man. It was broken at last by the voice

of the lovely Laura,
"George," she said, in a low, quickly
uttered willing-to-test-it-in-the-interestof-science accents, "I feel a mosquito biting me!" The wind sighed faintly in the tree

tops, the voice of the katylid rasped the patient air, the stars glimmered and twinkled in the blue, ethereal firmament, and at the end of nearly three-quarters of a minute that misguided mosquito perished miserably.

STYLES IN BEARDS.

Fashion Changes Even in This Re spect.

"I learned my trade forty years ago in Boston," said a leading barber to me yesterday, as he trimmed my hair, "and it is surprising how long a fashion in hair or whiskers will last. Now a fashion in clothes doesn't generally last longer than ten years, but a fashion in the cutting and dressing of hair and whiskers will last twenty or thirty years. Take mustaches, for instance, They came in about twenty-five years ago. I can remember very well when a mustache was regarded as the badge of a fop, an idiot or a gambler. It was as much as a man's reputation was worth to let his hair grow on his upper lip. But now, ministers and everybody else wear them, and I am afraid I wil not live long enough to see them go out of fashion. Anything to beat the

barbers, you see.
"Then there is no fashion of wearing the hair short. About the time that mustaches came in long hair went out. Before that everybody wore long hair, and had it curled, too. Yes, sir; I used and had it curled, too. Yes, sir: I used to keep my curling-iron around all the time, for it was just as common with men then as it is with women now to have their hair curled. The fashion of having the hair clipped very short, except on top, where it is left quite long, is called the Pompadour, and is only ten or twelve years old, though the clippers with which the work is done were invented three years earlier. The practice of brushing the bair by machinery run by steam started about machinery run by steam started about twenty-live years ago, and was given up about ten years ago on account of the accidents that occurred, inflicting injury on the customers."

ANOTHER FORTUNATE MAN

A Young Breaker Boy at Plymouth Draws a Prize of \$5,000.

Upon being informed that a young man in Plymouth, by the name of Herman Barney, had drawn a \$5,000 prize in the Louisiana State Lottery, our reporter was instructed to interview him and learn the truth in regard to the report. He found Mr. Barney at the East End Store, on Welsh Hill, a suburb of Ply mouth, and about four miles from this city. Mr. Barney is a pleasant young gentleman of about twenty-three years of age. After stating his business the reporter proceeded to interview him.

Rep. "There is a story out, Mr. Barney, to the effect that you have been quite fortunate in a Louisiana State Lottery investment. Is there any truth in the report?" was my first ques tion.

"Yes, sir." he replied, "I was fortunate enough to draw \$5,000 in the July drawing."

"What was the number of your ticket?" I next asked him. "I held ticket No. 58,607 which drew

one-twentieth of the second capital prize of \$100,000." "Were any other persons interested

with you in your investment?" "Yes,sir. Andrew Brennan and Logan Harris, both friends of mine, had been sending for tickets every month for some time, and last July I thought I would invest a dollar and see if I could

not hit it." "Which you did, fortunately for you Did your friends realize anything from their venture?"

"No sir, only in this way. We made an agreement that if either of us should draw anything not less than \$5,000, the lucky one should pay the other two one month's wages and also pay the expenses of all three for a month's trip to the seashore."

"Did you take the trip?" "Not as yet, but we may go in Sep tember. But we settled our agreement by giving them each one hundred dollars. Now, if we go to the seashore

each man must pay his own expenses. "Was this your first investment?" "Yes, sir; however, I have sent for a

ticket in the September drawing." Mr. Barney also told me that he had lived there all his life, and had never worked, except in a breaker, up to last July. Then he left, and does not intend to work in one again, for he said, " have bought one lot with a house on it and two vacant lots on which I intend building two single houses. When dwellings that will bring me in abou fifteen dollars per month, each, and that ought to keep me. Besides I have kep some of the money by me, and if I see a good opportunity to invest to advantage, will do so .- Wilkesburre (Pa. Telephone, August 24.

Just as Reasonable as Lots of Things They Do. A New York laborer who was caught b a falling beam and pinned to the earth, was promptly ordered by a policement to move on, and when he falled to obey he was vigorously clubbed. The policeman said it wasn't his fault that the beam fell.

A Bargain for Bomebody. There is a bull in Van Wirt County, O., which has gored seven men, two horses, a mule and a calf to death, and yet he is only 6 years old and his selling price is \$40. Undersold the Owner.

"Your reference to the bantering style of doing business calls up many funny reminiscences," said an old merchant to a Utica Observer man. "I must tell you of one occurrence that took place in a neighboring country store. The proprietor was noted for being particularly affahle and obliging to his customers, and he had a clear-headed and smart young man for clerk. One day one of the best customers of the concern called to buy a dress pattern. The price was seventy-five cents, and after a long talk the clerk closed the bargain at seventy cents. While the clerk was relecting trimmings, etc., in another part of the store, the genial proprietor came along rubbing his hands, inquired after the family of the customer, praised her taste in selecting that particular line of goods, and as a special favor to a good customer let her have it for sixty-eight cents per yard. The clerk was furious, but not in the least disconcerted. He saw often causes great agony with its intense itching often causes great agony with its intense itching often causes great agony with its intense itching

had made. The clerk was furious, but not in the least disconcerted. He saw that if the customers thought that he was selling higher than others in the store they would avoid him and his discharge would follow. So he says:
"I just looked at the bill and can

sell you that piece at sixty-live cents a yard,'
"When the deal was completed the proprietor was as angry as the clerk, .... Do you know that I made the price sixty-eight cents? said the propri-

"'Yes,' said the clerk, but I want you to understand that no man can nulersell me in this store." "He kept his job."

Spice of Life.

When a man falls to drinking it is not long before he drinks to falling. The Grand Army boys are big guns, but they draw the lines at sons of guns, We wish to state officially that a busted dam has nothing to do with a

broken oath. Railroad employes do not consider it red-letter day when they get their

blue envelopes. The court-house is not necessarily a sad place because so many plaintiff stories are heard there.

The man who tries to argue a woman into loving him may succeed, perhaps, but he must have a long life and no

"Papa, why do they call it labor day?" "Because, my son, it is the day on which workingmen do not work."

A queer question: Cora—"I really must be careful not to give Mr. Smythe any more encouragement, for I do not want to hurt his feelings." Edith—"He has not proposed, has he?" Cora—"No, but he was asking me if I thought I could keep house on \$10 a week."

A Fairy Tale.

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A famous woodsman once beasted that he could find his way through a widerness and return by the same path. Being tested, he carried with him a slender thread, which should serve as a guide for the return trip. Reaching the end of his journey, he lay down to rest. While he rested came the genius of industry and breathed upon his threat and changed it to two shining ribbons of steel. It was a railroad. Througs of of steel. It was a railroad. Throngs of people whirled past him in inxurious ears, and he read upon the train the mystic legend: "Wisconsin Central!"

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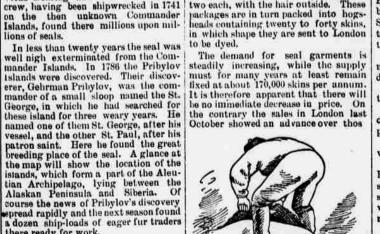
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this claim and England's self-interest
will prevent her from making a serious
nuestion of it. Women are not Jokers. A writer in the Washington Post has discovered that women as a rule are not fond of jokes; they listen to clever stor-The seals are not at the Pribylov Islands during the entire year. They only come there during the breeding season, which lasts from early in May until late in September. Where they come from no man knows. The first to make their appearance on the breeding grounds are the bulls, who come both singly and in droves from May 1 until the end of the season. Upon their arrival, then as fat as butter, they take up their positions as near the water's edge as possible. If they prove strong enough to withstand The seals are not at the Pribylov Islthey prove strong enough to withstand the attacks of those of their fellows who come after them, they stay where they are; if not, they must move back. They are; if not, they must move back. They are veay courageous and never give up an advantageous position except after a bitter fight. These fights are continually occurring, until the whole breeding ground has mapped out and each buil assigned his territory, the atrongest having, of course, the best position. There they remain for the entire three or four months of the breeding season, never leaving their original resting place, even for food or water. The natural result is that when they take to the sea in the autumn they are mere shadows of their former selves, shrunken from a plump creature of five hundred pounds to an attenuated bag of bones weighing less than half as much, without ambitten or courage, and bare-

the fleshy sides. Thus they lie for two or three weeks, when they become pickled and are ready for shipment. however, does not usually until the last week of the season, when the skins are corded into packages of two each, with the hair outside. These packages are in turn packed into hogs-



of former years of more than forty per cent. Of course fashion commands have much to do with the demand for have an intrinsic value just as gold and silver have, and that they always will have it, no matter what be the styles. Even if they were not considered stylish sealskin garments would be a costly purchase to the wearer and will always

ries with simulated amusement and for-get them immediately. The reason for this lies in one of the essentials in the this lies in one of the essentials in the make-up of women—her profound and tender sympathy. Humor deals with the weakness of humanity: it exposes foibles and puncturestender skin. Humor sets the world laughing at some blunder of a man. It is woman nature to cover up, excuse and reform. Follies are too serious in her eyes to laugh at. If women were humorists they lies are too serious in her eyes to laugh at. If women were humorists they would not be the most earnest church-workers, the most tender of nurses, and the most sentimental and refined portion of humanity. The same inherent quality which would make a true woman, a real woman, shrink as judge from pronouncing a death sentence, or soldier from shooting an enemy through the heart, makes it impossible for her to become a humorist. Wit a woman may have, wit she does possess, and is a formidable adversary with her stiletto points of irony and satire. But humorous in the common acceptation of the term, in the careless, rollicking, stinging art of current quips and jests—never.

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